

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HOWARD HOUSE, OFFICER'S ROW TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

Members Present:

Rob Freed, Julie Garver, Ronald Lee

Members Absent:

Richard Hovey, Greg Weber

Staff Present:

Bryan Monroe, Derek Chisholm, Leann Johnson, Contract: Holly Chamberlain

Audience Present:

Mike Hale, Monty Hidden & Holly Villhauer

I. Call to order

II. Minutes:

Julie Garver moves and Rob Freed seconds – All in favor. Approved

III. Public Comments

Mike – Open House November 2, 2003 from 4-8pm

Open Space Program will be tested by Vintage Inn.

It may be making realtors uneasy as this takes some value off (affecting a loan)

No benefit until 2005

C of A coming for 2 new bathrooms on second floor

IV. Public Hearing

Staff Report: Recommends in compliance with Sec' of Int' Standards

Wood signs not acceptable partly based on Project Review Commission.

Neon signs not acceptable, but should be judged for all neon signs together

Monty Hidden speaking for applicant:

The business is trying to attract extra business.

The reddish sign could be made browner

Neon signage (use of in general) is 70 years old.

The house is unchanged.

Julie to Mr. Hidden:

Does lease control exterior? Answer: Yes

No other public comments. Public Comment period closed.

V. Deliberations begin

Julie Garver – Was positive that Hidden House sign has been maintained.

2 different looking stacked signs are not appropriate.

Neon was also an issue on Officers Row.

Restaurants need to attract attention, but neon is in windows which are a contributing feature in the nomination.

Perhaps a sandwich board sign would be helpful and this could take the place of the neon?

Rob Freed - Windows are, even when unspoken, critical to most all historic structures.

Neon is very seldom accepted for historic buildings and he does not support its use.

Opposed to banners, grand opening, and other temporary signage.

Wooden sign is also inappropriate. "Stacking" does not work well.

Ronald Lee – Would discourage the neon, supports an alternative like a sandwich board sign.

Julie Garver – suggests raising Hidden House sign and putting Russian Restaurant sign underneath.

Debate continued on details.....

Motion – deny application as is/removal of banners "Grand Opening" & neon, comeback with a new design for the wood

Julie Garver Approved Ronald Lee seconded. All in support.

14 day appeal period

30 days for compliance

VI. City Liaison Report

Leann Johnson

Houser presentation – 15 RSVP's so far

Should we still have Megan down to do training?

Brochures

Piggybacking 5:30 Reception at Slocum House or maybe at 5pm

We will work on press release/web pages

Leann was complimented by all Commissioners present

Julie Garver suggested a de-brief (in a meeting)

Julie Garver – will Commission hear more about the Slocum House?

Seek additional chance to comment before final plans

VII. Old Business

Library will not have us do a display this year.

VIII. New Business

Letterhead – put a few different options together

Project Review Committee – update for Thursdays agenda.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

November 18, 2003

Work Plan for November and issues to plague buildings

Motion to adjourn

Move – Ronald Lee

2nd – Ron Freed All in favor